City Gas Office, London,
June 23rd, 1920.

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING.

THE SPECIAL CITY GAS COMMITTEE meets in the City Gas Company Office on Wednesday, June 23rd, 1920, at 4 p.m.
PRESENT: Aldermen J.C.Wilson (Chairman) F.E.Harley, E.R.Seabrook and John Bridge.

63 CITY GAS MATTERS. (see par. 47 and 48)

S.Baker certifying that the Council had adopted the following motion, viz:

"That Aldermen Dr. Wilson, Harley, Bridge and Seabrook be a Special Committee, pursuant to clause one of the eleventh report of No. 1 Committee, for the purpose of reporting on City Gas matters".

Mr. Duffield submitted the following statement:

Estimated increase in operating expense from May 1st, 1920 to May 1st, 1921.

Coal - 15,000 tons - increase $1.29 per ton	$19,350.
Oil - 603,000 gals. " 8¢ per gal.	48,240
Wages	15,000.
Increase in general repairs and upkeep	7,000.
Loss for March $571.82 - for year	6,860.
Increase in city taxes	2,835.93
" " Workmen's Compensation Board	631.37
Main and stub work under new pavements	6,000.00
	105,917.30

	March 1920	May 1920	Increase
Coal	$7.01	$8.30	$1.29 per ton
Oil	.10	.18	8¢ per gal.

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Brought down as above	$105,917.30
Less main and stub work	6,000.00
	99,917.30
Add estimated increase in cost of coal since above statement was made up 7,500 tons at $6.64 increase per ton	49,800.00
	$146,717.30

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Thousands	No. of accounts	At	Amount
Under 1	3,359	.40	$1,343.60
1 - 2	3,297	.70	2,307.90
2 - 3	2,215	1.00	2,215.00
3 - 4	1,219	1.40	1,706.60
4 - 5	569	1.80	1,024.20
5 - 7	503	2.40	1,207.20
7 - 10	224	3.60	806.40
10-15	99	5.25	519.75
15-20	36	7.25	261.00
20-30	23	10.50	241.50
30-40	10	14.50	145.00
40-50	7	18.50	129.50
50-60	4	22.50	90.00
60-70	3	26.50	79.50
70-80	2	30.50	61.00
80-90	2	34.50	69.00
90-100	2	38.50	77.00
100-150	2	52.50	105.00
150-200	1	72.50	72.60
	11,477		$12,461.65
		X 12	- $149,539.80

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Comparative statement of gas prices in the following cities of Ontario.

	Year 1914	Year 1920	Percentage increase in price 1920 over 1914
Peterboro - Hydro Power Commission	$1.25	$2.00	60.
Ottawa - Private	1.12½	1.35	20.
Belleville - Utilities	1.25	1.60	28.
Brockville - "	1.00	1.40	40.
Oshawa - Hydro Power Commission	1.15	2.15	87.
Kingston - Utilities	1.00	2.00	100.
Guelph "	.85	1.50	76.

	Year 1914	Year 1920	Percentage increase in price 1920 over 1914.
St. Thomas - Utilities	.90	1.75	94.4
Kitchener "	1.00	2.00	100.
Stratford - Private	1.20	2.00	66.66
London - private	.90	.90	-

The Committee informally discusses the matter with the Company.

The Committee consider the following matters, namely:

(1) The power of the City Council in the matter.
(2) The question of graded service charge.
(3) An appeal to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to permit a direct increase in the price of gas.

Alderman Bridge moves, and it is adopted, that the City Auditors be instructed to audit the City Gas Company's books so that the Council may be advised as to the actual amount which is necessary to keep the Company running and that, in the event of the Committee, upon receipt of further information, being of the opinion that it is expedient to join with the City Gas Company in an appeal to the Lieutenant-Governor-in Council for power to amend the rates, a recommendation with respect thereto be made to the Council.

The City Gas Company consents to the audit of their books and expressed their willingness to adopt any workable suggestion that would enable them to meet the wishes of the citizens with a view of tiding over present difficulties.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.

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Chairman.